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Visiting GDR Official Expresses 'Support' for DRA

LD160711 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0442 GMT 16 Sep 86

[Text] Kabul, September 15, BAKHTAR — The Socialist Unity Party of Germany gives it strong support to the efforts of the state of the DRA for the solution of the situation around Afghanistan and for the termination of the undeclared war unleashed against the DRA by world imperialism and reaction of the region, said Erich Postler in an interview to a correspondent of *Haqiqat-e Enqalab-e-Sawr*. "Our delegation, he pointed out, met with the elected representatives of the people, as a result of which we found that the revolutionary sovereignty has been expanded to the rural areas and the people are directly participating in the administration of state affairs."

Speaking about the relations between the PDPA and the Socialist Unity Party, Erich Postler said that the relations between the two parties have developed much since the April Revolution. The agreement of cooperation between the two parties for the years 1982-87 constitutes the basis of such cooperation. He indicated that the purpose of the visit of the delegation is to prepare the grounds for the renewal of the agreement.

He added that the link between the party and the people has been consolidated and the people's solidarity with the PDPA has been strengthened. "I had visited Afghanistan six years ago and I see spectacular achievements since then", said Erich Postler, who headed a delegation of the Socialist Unity Party (SED) of Germany to the DRA. The delegation is here at the invitation of the PDPA for an official visit.

Delegation Returns From DPRK Conference

LD160837 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] Comrade Mir Saheb Karwal, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee who had gone to the DPRK as head of the PDPA Central Committee delegation to participate in the international conference on a nuclear-free and peaceful Korean peninsula, which was held in Pyongyang, arrived home today.

Comrade Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, welcomed the delegation at Kabul International Airport.

The delegation actively took part in the conference and met Comrade Kim Il-song, general secretary of Korean Workers Party Central Committee and DPRK president.

Counterrevolutionaries Join Security Forces

LD152316 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1130 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Excerpts] Kabul, 15 Sep (BAKHTAR) — A BIA correspondent reports that today a group of 45 persons led by Mohammad Ashraf, previously members of the so-called Nejat-e Milli band, who were engaged in destructive deeds in Chahar Asiab District, Kabul Province, reported to the country's security forces and joined the revolutionary state, bringing their weapons with them. [passage omitted]

The BIA correspondent added that the above-mentioned group has organized a revolutionary defense group and has expressed readiness to ensure peace in its region.

According to another report a group who were previously members of the criminal band of Jamiat, led by Abdol Zaher, who had been acting for some time against the people and revolution, surrendered to the security authorities in Gozareh District, Herat Province, by understanding the truth of the April Revolution and the futility of the counterrevolutionaries' activities. They pledged to fight for the complete liquidation of the counterrevolutionaries and for the safeguarding of peace and calm in the country.

AFP: Soviet-Afghan Operations Push Guerrillas North

BK161137 Hong Kong AFP in English 1054 GMT 16 Sep 86

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 16 (AFP) — Soviet and Afghan military operations around the Afghan capital, Kabul, have pushed guerrillas to the north from the western province of Paghman, western diplomats said here Tuesday.

They also said that as a result, and perhaps also due to religious festivities, no combats were reported around Kabul for the past week.

Soviet and Afghan troops attacked guerrilla positions west of the capital on September 4-6, the diplomats said, and bombarded the capital's eastern suburbs on September 8. Clashes were reported from the northern sectors of the Paghman Province on September 10, the diplomats said.

Diplomats here also confirmed that fierce clashes had occurred in the Herat region, in western Afghanistan, forcing the region's guerrilla commander to call on other rebel leaders to launch attacks in their areas.

Battles were also reported along the border with Pakistan, the diplomats said.

Meanwhile, Afghan Agriculture Minister Abdul Ghafar Lakanwal went on television to deny reports that 30,000 people were being forcibly relocated from areas along the Afghan-Pakistani border. He said that only people wishing to leave the war-torn border regions were being moved.

Mujahidin Kill 'Number of' Soviet Troops

BK151026 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say the mujahidin have killed a number of Soviet troops in an attack on their unit in the (Salekh) Pass on Parvan-Kabul highway. They also damaged two tanks and destroyed several vehicles of the Soviet troops. In retaliation, the Soviet troops made air attacks on (Salekh) area in which nine civilians, including two children, were killed.

AFP: 1st Submarine Bought From USSR Arrives

BK151554 Hong Kong AFP in English 1410 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] New Delhi, Sept 15 (AFP) — India has taken delivery of the first of an unspecified number of "Kilo" Class Soviet submarines, a Defence Ministry spokesman said here Monday.

The *United News of India* (UNI) has reported that India is buying six of the submarines from the Soviet Union, but the spokesman would say only: "I do not know about the number, but one has already arrived."

UNI said the first of the submarines acquired by India, rechristen-ed Sindhughosh (Fury of the Sea), had arrived at an eastern port in the country.

The subs were equipped with more sophisticated electronic systems than those supplied by Moscow to its Warsaw Pact allies, had improved engines and modified torpedo tubes, UNI said.

They are to replace India's Foxtrot Class submarines supplied by the Soviet Union in the late 1960's, according to UNI.

The report of this latest acquisition from the Soviet Union followed the government's announcement in mid-August that it was buying an unspecified number of Soviet-built heavy-lift Mi-26 helicopters.

Delhi Says USSR Agrees To Launch New Satellite

BK151259 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] The heaviest Indian satellite IRS-1A will go into orbit next September from the Soviet Cosmodrome at Baikanur. An agreement for this was signed in Moscow today between the chairman of the Indian Space research organization, Professor U.R. Rao, and the chairman of the Soviet space agency, Mr A.I. (Dunyayev).

Weighing a 1,000 kgs the satellite will be put into orbit by a Proton type of rocket and will function for 3 years. It is designed to explore the country's natural resources.

'Official' Report on Hijacking Sought From Pakistan

BK151555 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] India has asked Pakistan for an authentic and official account of the recent seizure of the Pan Am aircraft in Karachi. The foreign secretary, Mr Venkateswaran, today called the Pakistan ambassador, Mr Humayun Khan, to his office in New Delhi and told him of the concern and grief in this country at the tragic loss of life in the incident. He told the envoy that India is looking forward to receiving the official report soon from the Government of Pakistan.

Gujarat Shooting Follows Religious Confrontation

BK160323 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 16 Sep 86

[Text] In Gujarat, 14 persons were injured in police firing and in incidents of stabbing and stone throwing in Baroda last night in Wadi police station area. According to the Baroda city police control, police were forced to resort to firing to disperse the crowds indulging in stone throwing on a religious procession. Twenty tear gas shells were burst and ten rounds fired. The situation is now under control. No untoward incident has been reported since last night.

An indefinite curfew was imposed in Warawadi village in Mehsana District from 2100 last night as a precautionary measure. This followed some incidents of stone throwing on a religious procession in which 10 persons were injured.

Police Chief Views Terrorist Problem in Punjab

BK151605 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] In Punjab, five more terrorists were arrested by the Faridkot police near Muktsar this morning. According to a police spokesman these terrorists were wanted for a number of killings and robberies. Some arms and ammunition have been recovered from them. The director general of the Punjab police, Mr Ribeiro, said in Jullundur that terrorist crimes have considerably declined in the last 1 and 1/2 months. Speaking to newsmen, he said this is due to massive anti-terrorist operations conducted by the Punjab police with the help of paramilitary forces. He said all those involved in the 14 major shootouts in the state in the last 8 months have been traced and the culprits arrested except (Variam Singh) and Harjinder Singh, alias Jinda. Large quantities of arms and ammunition have been recovered besides the arrest of over 900 terrorists.

Mr Ribiero said only a third of the task has been accomplished and a large number of terrorists are still at large.

17 Die as Result of Uttar Pradesh Flooding

BK160406 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 16 Sep 86

[Text] In Uttar Pradesh all major rivers are rising following widespread rain during the past 4 days. Seventeen people died because of a heavy downpour. Rail and road traffic has been suspended. Many trains have either been diverted or canceled following disruption of railway lines at many places. The chief minister, Mr Vir Bahadur Singh, announced an exgratia payment of 7,000 rupees each to the families of the victims and 1,000 rupees each to those whose houses were damaged due to the heavy rain.

In Bihar, all major rivers have started rising again because of heavy rain. The Ganga is rising all along its course from Baksar to Kahalgaon, but is still flowing below the danger mark.

APP Cited on Deputy Soviet Military Attache Shot

BK161246 Hong Kong AFP in English 1223 GMT 16 Sep 86

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 16 (AFP) — The deputy Soviet military attache in Islamabad was shot dead Tuesday by a deranged person, the official news agency *Associated Press of Pakistan* reported here.

The new agency said the killer had been arrested.

APP identified the slain Soviet diplomat only as Mr Figorenkov.

Niger's President Kountche Continues Visit

Received by Ziaul Haq

BK151042 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 15 Sep 86

[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq and President Seyni Kountche of Niger held talks in Karachi this morning on international issues with particular focus on the recent summit conference of nonaligned countries in Harare. They also discussed cooperation within the Organization of Islamic Conference of which both Pakistan and Niger are members. The two leaders reviewed bilateral relations which are based on close fraternal ties and ways to further strengthen them.

President Mohammad Ziaul Haq briefed the Niger president about Pakistan's relations with its neighbors and the situation in Afghanistan. The Niger president thanked the Pakistan president for the warm hospitality extended to him and members of his entourage. The talks which continued for about an hour were also attended by the Niger foreign minister, Mr Sani Bako.

Later, President Kountche attended a luncheon given in his honor by President Mohammad Ziaul Haq.

Leaves Karachi for Tokyo

BK151528 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Excerpts] Niger President Seyni Kountche, who arrived in Karachi this morning, exchanged views with President Mohammad Ziaul Haq on bilateral and international matters of mutual concern. [passage omitted]

Later, the Niger president was given a warm sendoff when he left Karachi for Tokyo this evening. President Mohammad Ziaul Haq bid him farewell at the airport. Sind Governor retired Lieutenent General Jahandad Khan; Chief Minister Syed Ghaus Ali Shah, provincial ministers, and high officials were also present on the occasion.

AFP: Afghan Rebels Kill 5 Near Pakistan Border

NC152059 Paris AFP in English 2053 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 15 (AFP) — Five Afghan Government agents intruding into Pakistan for subversion were killed in an encounter with Afghan rebels, Pakistani police and rebel sources said in the border town of Peshawar Monday.

The Afghans were arrested by guerrillas of the Hezb-e Eslami Rebels group on the Jalalabad-Torkham road in the mountainous Dakka area 12 kms (7 miles) deep inside Afghanistan, they said.

The group belonging to the Afghan secret service "KHAD" was coming to Pakistan to carry out terrorist activities, the Pakistani sources said.

The Moslem rebels seized "secret documents explaining their dangerous plans" in Pakistan, they said, adding that booby-trapped boxes of explosives were also recovered from the alleged Afghan agents.

The guerrillas after "identifying" them as Afghan agents executed the five but handed over the documents and seized explosives to the authorities, the sources said.

Killing of the KHAD agents has been confirmed by travellers arriving from Jalalabad also, sources in Peshawar said.

Official comments were not immediately available.

'Medium Intensity' Earthquake Felt in Peshawar

BK160614 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 16 Sep 86

[Text] Earthquake tremors of medium intensity were felt in Peshawar this morning. The quake registered 5.3 on the Richter Scale and its epicenter was located in the Hindu Kush range, about 250 km north of Peshawar. The earthquake was also felt in Chitral.

SRI LANKA

Militants, Security Forces in Batticaloa Wage Battle

BK160318 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 16 Sep 86

[Text] In eastern Sri Lanka, a major battle has erupted between the security forces and the militants as the forces moved in to destroy the militants under air cover on the western shore of Batticaloa lagoon. Two air force planes bombed militant bunkers yesterday afternoon as militants fired mortars at the temporary army camp. The camp was set up after militants fired at and damaged an airforce plane on the 4th of this month. Batticaloa residents said sporadic gunfire was heard throughout last night. No details of casualities on either side were, however, available immediately.

The national security minister told our Colombo correspondent, Piabon Majumder, security forces have been able to destroy all the militant bunkers. Mr Athulathmudali said people in five villages around the area have run away because of militant activities. Citizens committee representatives who met the minister yesterday complained that work during harvesting season has been badly affected and a large area has been cut off because of the bridge being blasted by the militants.

Separatists Blast Bridge

BK151348 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English
1233 GMT 15 Sep 86

["OANA/POOL" item]

[Text] Colombo, Sept 15 (LANKA PUWATH) — Separatist terrorists blasted the remaining portion of the bridge over the lagoon on Kalawanchikudy-Vellaveli road, Paddiruppu, Batticaloa District in eastern Sri Lanka last Saturday night.

The media centre in Colombo told LANKA PUWATH that the bridge was partially blasted by terrorists in April 1986.

The road is impassable and it seriously affects civilian traffic and transport of produce from Paddiruppu situated near the coast to adjoining areas and also cuts off areas such as Vellaveli, Periyaporativu from access to the Batticaloa-Kalmunai road.

Police Uncover Tamil Racket of Forged ID Cards

BK151352 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English
1229 GMT 15 Sep 86

["OANA/POOL" item]

[Text] Colombo, Sept 15 (LANKA PUWATH) — The police, acting on intelligence reports, yesterday blew the lid off a large scale racket in stolen and forged national identity cards being operated by separatist terrorists in Sri Lanka.

The media centre in Colombo told LANKA PUWATH that the racket was detected when Kadiragamathamby Ragunathan of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) gang of terrorists was captured at dawn yesterday at Orr's Hill, Trincomalee, eastern Sri Lanka.

He had in his possession a large number of national identity cards belonging to youth in Trincomalee and Batticaloa in the eastern province and Vavuniya in the north.

On being questioned by the police, Ragunathan admitted he had orders to collect national identity cards for alteration by expert forgers.

He revealed that terrorist youth were given these altered national identity cards for their use so that when captured their real identity would be concealed.

The captured terrorist also told police that terrorists who had gone underground after having their cover blown, used forged identity cards to obtain passports and slip out of the country.

Majlis Speaker, Deputies Address Session; Attack Paper

PM151223 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian 2 Sep 86 pp 1-2

[Report on 2 September Majlis Session]

[Excerpts] The first Majlis session following the summer recess was held today under the chairmanship of Majlis Speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani.

After two preliminary speeches by two deputies, the Majlis speaker made some comments about the imposed war and the recent statements of the imam. [passage omitted]

Seyyed Hoseyn Qazizadeh-Hashemi, deputy from Fariman, Sarakhs, and Ahmadabad, was the first speaker in the Majlis session. [passage omitted]

Qazizadeh-Hashemi then talked about the upcoming 3d anniversary of the Majlis vote of confidence for the Musavi government, and said: Because the government is serving the downtrodden, there are some who attack the government, which in turn is an attack against the entire regime. The imam in his recent speech said his last word about them. These gentlemen have a special way of thinking. While being disrespectful to the powerful arm of the imam of ummah, they were even insulting toward the Council of Guardians; but now they say they are in favor of the Council of Guardians. One of the prime examples of this exaggerated and unnatural support by the opportunists for the Council of Guardians is in its superficiality, and we see this in the *Resalat* newspaper.

It is normal for one to find faults with every organization, including the Council of Guardians. When there is a complaint, these gentlemen react in a way which in effect causes intellectual suffocation. If someone expresses an opinion on a ruling by the Council of Guardians, these gentlemen say he is against religion, against the rule of faqih and Islamic principles. They think any criticism will weaken the Council of Guardians. Of course, they see themselves and the *Resalat* newspaper as something separate and they allow themselves to print anything they wish against the government. They take criticism of the government up to the level of hostility and they bring the entire regime into question.

The Majlis deputy concluded: The Council of Guardians at this particular point in time has a decisive mission because at this time the vote of the Council of Guardians determines the fate of the revolution when it comes to viewing the government's new economic policies.

The second speaker in the Majlis session was Seyyed Abol Hasan Ha'erizadeh, the deputy from Birjand, who spoke of the imam's comments marking "government week." He then cited some of the things mentioned in *Resalat* which have hurt the imam.

He said: I wish to express my extreme concern over the fact that the education problem in Kashan has not been resolved, and the way the government representative is opposed. I also have to give my views on the examples of how during the past few months the managers of the *Resalat* newspaper have hurt the imam.

Toward the middle of June this year, despite the oil crisis and the problems it caused for the Musavi government, the government's preoccupation with the war, the officials' concern over the lower oil prices, problems of providing salaries for civil servants and other workers, implementation of welfare plans, building schools and hospitals, *Resalat* newspaper writes at the top of its first page: "Lower Oil Revenues and the Promise of an End to 'Government Control'." It looked like they were giving the good news of the demise of the executed Hoveyda's government [reference to former prime minister during shah's regime]

This despite the fact that Mr Musavi's government enjoys the approval of the imam of ummah and the Majlis. Yet, at the top of the same day's editorial, written by Mr Zavare'i, they write "Criticism, O.K.; Weakening, No." This is strange.

Another case is the middle of the front page, which carries a headline saying there is only one road toward Islamic economy and that is only possible by understanding the book and the traditions in the religious way. It would seem that only the people at *Resalat* know and understand religion. This only confuses people. As if there exists an un-Islamic economy in the regime of the Islamic Republic.

At the top of page 15 of *Resalat*, a banner headline says: "Lower Prices, the Promise of an End to 'Government Control'," with the suspicious byline: "Economic Correspondent." *Resalat* says: Unfortunately, events and perhaps the role of some suspicious characters, instead of getting rid of this devilish creation [government control], presented a weak picture of those who are implementing this, and the officials, in order to filter out those corrupt elements, put some fresh elements into that same corrupt system. *Resalat* writes in June 1986: "Today we can say with full confidence that not only has government control not been erased but many of the fresh elements who entered that system with a world of hope found themselves to be pawns or else uninfluential elements. This old quagmire is threatening the environment of society."

I am asking Mr Azari-Qomi, the managing editor of *Resalat*: Will this sort of reasoning not have an adverse affect on the youth and the general public in this country? Is it possible that some of them might hold a grudge against this regime and this system of management which is being analyzed this way after 8 years, and is it not possible that the people may revolt against it?

Of course this will have disastrous effects. If *Resalat* has identified suspicious elements, it has to bring them to light, not engage in this sort of generalization. [passage omitted]

The gentlemen who work for *Resalat*, you followers of the right path, for the love of God, have mercy on Islam and the Islamic Revolution. In that one article on government control *Resalat* calls society one whose life and death depend on the rotten lifeline of oil prices. Is this not what the imam has called destruction and filthy language?

You writers of this type of article. You are the same people who stab in the back some holy ulema in the house of the people and a government involved in an imposed war and faced with lower oil revenues. *Resalat* should come forward and identify those who

have written this in the name of "economic correspondents." [passage omitted]

One of the newspapers which is opposed to the Islamic Revolution — and which is published abroad — singled out the best pieces from the *Resalat* article, printed them, and distributed them all over Europe. *Resalat* took the Ministry of Plan and Budget's 1984 economic report and printed it alongside its own analysis in such a clever way that the reader cannot tell what is the ministry's report and what is from the newspaper. Gentlemen, this is against the government! There have been many occasions on which the speeches of less important people have been printed on the top half of the front page in *Resalat*, while the speeches of a brilliant person such as Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, even on the anniversary of the 5 June revolt and international Jerusalem Day, have been printed in small print on the bottom half of the page. And let us not even mention the prime minister. [passage omitted]

Following the two preliminary speeches, the Majlis speaker gave the following speech:

Following the summer recess and at the beginning of a new season, it is apt that I say something about the war and the precious advice given by the imam. [passage omitted]

From the beginning of the Majlis' second session and from the start of this government's term, the imam has repeatedly advised us.

He always started with unity and always stressed the need for unity and cooperation in the present circumstances. From what the imam was saying, it was obvious that he was not happy to see officials undermined. Any action that would weaken one official in his duty is against the interest of the country, against Islam, and against the views of the imam.

It was really our expectation of those Muslims serving Islam to be the front-runners in this field, so that there would be no room for criticism. Well now, unfortunately this has happened. Now that it has happened, however, we expect that from now on all words and all deeds will be such as to prevent what the imam said would happen in the following stages. Of course the imam has weighed what he has said and has considered the next stages. We have to ensure that those conditions do not occur. His words are clear.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani added: Now this has made it possible for world aggression's propaganda machines and your enemies to call this "freedom of speech" and those same tricky words such as "democracy" and so on. But the reality is clear to all of us. A country such as ours, which is at war, with economic pressures from the enemy, and with the problems of a revolution, really has no choice but to unite and to swallow some of the words that weaken the will of the people. No revolution in the world has, in its first few years, allowed everyone to come forward and spill the beans...to talk about some issues which really should not be known, to put these at the disposal of the enemy.

Now you see that in France people are saying that Iran is heading toward the limitation of freedom. [passage omitted]

They expect us to print in the newspapers war secrets, economic secrets, oil figures, and other things which we consider totally secret. Then they expect us to bring the Majlis or the government under interrogation, to go after such things. Of course, then the imam gets hurt, because we do not understand such issues. This is not what the world calls freedom. This is not what it is like anywhere in the world. [passage omitted]

You can see the situation of the war, the fronts, and the people. Without a doubt, a country which spends nearly two-thirds of its hard currency reserves on the war, spends more than half of the budget approved by the Majlis on the war, and takes all the capabilities and facilities of the ministries to the war, will have shortages. These newspapers whose pages you are filling so generously are printed on paper at the expense of children's school needs and milk cartons. Of course there will be shortages in those areas. Is it correct to criticize this? Should we say these things?

When the war continues so intensely, in these conditions there will be economic pressures on essential items, on fuel, on transportation, on roads, and other services. This is not something we do not know. We at the Majlis are familiar with the figures. So we are asking that you be aware of these shortages. We have to tell the people that even this amount of work done by the government is a miracle. [passage omitted]

Budget Minister Discusses Shortages, Taxes

PM150948 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian 1 Sep 86 p 3

[Report on Budget Minister Zanjani's Lorestan Province press conference]

[Excerpts] While the Education Ministry's budget alone is 550 billion rials, the entire tax collected from workers is only 40 billion rials, whereas the revenue of the private commercial sector is something close to the country's entire budget. This is unacceptable.

Engineer Mas'ud Zanjani, minister of planning and budget, who is visiting Lorestan Province at the head of a delegation as part of "government week" activities, announced this at a press conference.

Zanjani said: Those who have taken advantage of the wartime conditions in the country and have made huge profits must somehow return this revenue to the government to enable it to manage the country in wartime. While the government puts aside 550 billion rials for 10 million students, the entire income tax revenue for the whole country does not exceed 40 billion rials, and this is unacceptable. And this when the revenue from the commercial sector is close to the entire budget for the whole country. We cannot watch the children of this nation go without an education while a certain group enjoys a high income.

The minister of planning and budget then talked about Lorestan Province and its natural and God-given gifts, and said: Lorestan has all the God-given gifts that will produce agricultural and economic goods. If enough attention is paid, it can become a unique province as far as the economy is concerned, especially

with regard to agriculture and stockraising. For example, the amount of surplus wheat grown by Lorestan farmers has increased more than five-fold in the past few years.

Another issue is that of water. Of the 11 billion cubic meters of water that could be used for farming in this province, less than 1 billion cubic meters is currently used. [passage omitted]

The minister of planning and budget added: One of the problems is that there are some opportunist people who try to take away the people's and the government's capabilities so that the government is unable to carry out the will of the imam and ummah. For next year's budget we expect the Majlis to deal firmly with the issue of extracting taxes from people who have a high income. We want them to deal with this quickly and approve a bill so as to provide the government with the capability for action.

With regard to oil revenues he said: What is important is where and how we use this oil. If our oil revenue is high the Ministry of Planning and Budget believes that it should not be used for current spending, wages, and benefits for civil servants. Rather it should be used as an investment and a revenue to be used by future generations. It has been predicted that several percent of the country's budget will be provided by taxes, and the budget deficit which results from lower [oil] prices must be made up for in taxes. Of course, just as there is no tradition of having nonoil exports, so we do not have a tax culture. [passage omitted]

The minister of planning and budget continued: The country's budget is derived from three sources — oil revenues, taxes, and other sources. In the current year the nonoil revenues provided for a large segment of the budget, and with regard to the situation that has been created, and which may continue, this ministry has so far stressed to the government the need to obtain icome tax, and it will soon submit this proposal to the Economic Council.

With regard to the upward swing in the nonoil exports' revenue, the minister said: According to the latest predictions, during the current year the revenue from nonoil exports will be some 1 billion dollars. But this is small compared to the 19.5 billion dollars which we had predicted as this year's oil revenue. With regard to the lower prices of oil and the lowering of the revenue from 19.5 billion to something close to 10 billion dollars, the 1 billion dollars in revenue from nonoil exports is considerable and could play an important role in the current economic situation. [passage omitted]

IRNA Reports Paris Envoy Received by France's Raimond

LD152346 Tehran IRNA in English 1557 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] Paris, Sept 15, IRNA — Iran's Charge d'Affaires in Paris Gholamreza Haddadi met and conferred here Sunday with French Minister of Foreign Affairs Jean-Bernard Raimond. The two sides discussed bilateral issues as well as ways to solve future concerns in the one hour meeting requested by the French minister. The talks were held in a "friendly atmosphere".

Raimond re-emphasised his country's desire to accelerate the normalization of relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran. He also expressed satisfaction with the similarity of views of the two countries concerning the issue.

The French minister of foreign affairs will reportedly be handed a message from his Iranian counterpart 'Ali Akbar Velayati in response to his August-22nd message.

Haddadi had earlier told *Le Monde* that he will shortly submit an important message from Velayati to Raimond particularly on the one billion dlr loan granted to the French atomic energy agency by the former regime. The interview was published in *Le Monde*'s Sept 13 issue.

The Iranian charge d'affaires had expressed optimism in his talk with *Le Monde* on future relations with France as well as on the positive steps France has taken to resolve the issue of the loan.

Attack on Iraq's Security Center To Serve as Warning

LD151037 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Excerpts] Following the firing of the ground-to-ground missile by the combatants of Islam which hit the security organisation in Baghdad and destroyed the security forces' training center and the computer center of the Iraqi security organisation, the criminal Iraqi rulers have been gripped by intense fear.

An informed official at the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps interviewed by our correspondent said: Firing the ground-to-ground missile at Baghdad, which was in response to the Iraqi regime's attacks on residential, industrial and worker areas of our country and that regime's use of chemical weapons, has inflicted heavy damage on the Iraqi rulers. [passage omitted]

This attack should serve as a warning to the Iraqi regime. The official added: If Iraq attacks our country's residential, industrial, and worker areas and if it does not stop its wickedness and its use of chemical weapons, the combatants of Islam will give a decisive answer to the aggressive enemy. Lack of any suitable response from international sources against the crimes committed by Iraq will naturally result in the Islamic Republic of Iran's direct action to stop the aggressive enemy. [passage omitted]

IRNA Reports Conditional Halt of 'Retaliatory Attacks'

LD151609 Tehran IRNA in English 1606 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 15, IRNA — The War Information Headquarters announced here Monday that due to the Baghdad regime's discontinuation of military attacks on Iran's civilian and industrial areas over the past two days (Monday and Sunday), the Islamic Republic also has halted its retaliatory attacks.

A spokesman for the WIH stressed however that in case the Iraqi regime resumed its attacks, Iran's Islamic combatants would not hesitate in responding to enemy's vicious acts.

Basij Battalions Depart for Battlefronts

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[Text] Concurrent with the anniversary of martyrdom of Imam Husayn, two Basij battalions left for battlefronts from Ilam, Deh Laran, Mehran, Darreh-ye Shahr, [words indistinct], as well as from such districts as Abdanan, (Eyvan-e Gharb), and Malek Shahi. The battalions left for the fronts after attending mourning ceremonies and chanting, Death to America, Death to Israel, and War, War, Till Victory.

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2 Killed by Iraqi Artillery Fire

LD151425 Tehran IRNA in English 1412 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] Bakhtaran, Sept 15, IRNA — Two Iranian civilians were martyred and a number of others wounded when Iraqi long range artillery hit residential areas of western Iranian border district of Nodsheh [name as received] early Sunday.

Three houses were badly damaged in the shelling.

Strategic Height No 270 Captured

LD160702 Tehran IRNA in English 0652 GMT 16 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept 16, IRNA — The Muslim forces of Iran in an attack at the heart of the enemy positions northwest of Mehran, central sector of war fronts, Monday night, took over the strategically important hill No 270, inside Iraq.

In this attack launched on the occasion of the "ashura", martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hoseyn (a.s.) ['alray-ho saelam; peace be upon him] third imam of the household of the prophet (saw) [sal allah-o wa sallam; god's peace be upon him], units of the Iranian Ground Forces killed or wounded tens of Iraqi troops and captured 12 of them. In this operation the Muslim forces of Iran destroyed and seized enemy munition.

Enemy Infiltration to Mehran Cut Off

LD161001 Tehran IRNA in English 0952 GMT 16 Sep 86

[Text] Kahtam ol-Anbiya' Hq., Sept 16, IRNA — The Muslim forces of Iran launched an attack against Iraqi forces northwest of Mehran, early Tuesday and took over the strategic Height 270 inside Iraq, overlooking the Iraqi cities of Zurbatiyah and Badrah, said Khatam al ol-Anbiya' Headquarters in a statement issued Tuesday morning.

An informed military source speaking to IRNA on characteristics of the area said that the operational region is located down the Kalan Yemo [name as received] heights, northwest of Mehran, inside Iraq.

The Muslim forces of Iran in their attack destroyed enemy forces stationed in the area. He added that the Tuesday attack was the continuation of the Karbala-1 offensive which led to liberation of the Iranian city of Mehran.

The military source said that by taking over the strategic hill, the Iranian forces are now overlooking the two Iraqi cities of Zurbatiyah and Badrah and possibility of the enemy infiltration to Mehran area has been totally cut off.

Some 50 Iraqi forces have been captured who have been transferred behind war fronts. A large number of enemy forces have also been killed or wounded, he added.

Iraqi Brigade 118 Attacked

LD161059 Tehran IRNA in English 1035 GMT 16 Sep 86

[Text] Khatam ol-Anbiya' Hq., Sept 16, IRNA — The Muslim combatants of Iran in their Tuesday attack against enemy positions in northwest Mehran, killed and wounded a large number of the personnel of Brigade 118 of Division 35. Fifty Iraqi troops including a first lieutenant were also taken captive and the remainder fled the scene.

The offensive was launched at 01:00 local time Tuesday (21:30 GMT Monday). Iran's Islamic combatants have been fully stationed in the liberated area and have the Iraqi cities of Zurbatiyah and Badrah within their fire range.

Iraqi Planes Violate Ahvaz Airspace

LD160725 Tehran IRNA in English 0723 GMT 16 Sep 86

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Prov., Sept 16, IRNA — The Iranian defence units intercepted and chased away four Iraqi planes which attempted to bomb residential areas of Ahvaz Tuesday morning. The intruding Iraqi planes violated the city's air space at 08:15 local time (04:45 hours GMT).

Communique No 2595

LD151624 Tehran IRNA in English 1530 GMT 15 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept 15, IRNA — Iran's Navy intercepted and inspected seven cargo ships and oil tankers sailing under foreign flags in the Strait of Hormuz Sunday but allowed them to continue voyage after being satisfied that they were not carrying goods for Iraq, said a military communique here Monday.

Joint Staff Communique Number 2595 said that several Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and five enemy bunkers and observation posts, one bridge and six heavy engineering and military vehicles destroyed throughout the fronts Sunday when they were hit by Iranian artillery fire.

Iranian forces opened heavy artillery and mortar fire on Iraqi positions and supply routes in Hajj 'Umran, Sar Dasht and Panjwin operational theaters, northwestern fronts, Sunday inflicting substantial casualties and losses on enemy troops in each front, the communique said. The communique furthermore said that a convoy of Iraqi patrols attempting to infiltrate Iranian positions in Qal'eh-Dizeh [name as received] operational theater

early Sunday incurred casualties and was forced to flee under heavy Iranian artillery fire.

In the western fronts, the communique said, Iranian forces fortified their positions and heavily shelled Iraqi positions killing or wounding a number of Iraqi soldiers and destroying five enemy bunkers and observation posts, one bridge and a heavy military vehicle.

A number of Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and an enemy heavy engineering vehicle destroyed in the southern fronts Sunday when they were reconnoitered and shelled by Iranian Muslim combatants, the communique said.

In Pichangizeh [name as received], southern fronts, the communique said, Iranian forces checked reconnaissance flights of Iraqi helicopters and opened heavy fire on enemy positions setting ablaze parts of their fortifications on Sunday.

Elsewhere, the communique said Iranian Gendarmerie forces reconnoitered and pounded Iraqi positions in parts of the southern fronts Sunday destroying four enemy vehicles and setting ablaze parts of their fortifications. Iraqi engineering operations were also checked.

Iranian forces shelled an Iraqi armoured unit in Chazabeh, southern fronts, Sunday, silencing its fire, the communique said, adding that Iranian Muslim combatants also checked movements of Iraqi tanks and supply convoys in Mirabad and Qal'eh-Dizeh operational theaters.